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Senator Gebhardt

Senate Committee on Natural Resources

RE: HB 669 – Timber Industry Loan Fund

Dear Committee Members:

As County Commissioners from a county that has historically depended to a large extent on the timber industry for much of its economic activity, we urge you to consider HB 669 positively and pass it quickly on to the full Senate with a do pass recommendation.

The combination of the current economic downturn, poor market conditions, and lack of raw product from our National Forests is threatening the survival of many entities associated with this industry, and with the loss of each that does not survive we also lose another component of the necessary infrastructure and manufacturing capacity needed to service the needs of Montana's timberlands. This legislation can help save that infrastructure during these difficult times and continue to provide jobs that further stimulate our economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mineral County Commissioners

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Clark Conrow, Chairman

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B. J. McComb, Member

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Duane Simons, Member